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"CYLINDER's" REPORT ON A SECRET
SESSION OF THE FINNISH SEJM.

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To 8th Department.

On 3rd March of this year ~~we~~ had a meeting with "CYLINDER [TEILINDER]" who reported that at a secret session of the Finnish Sejm on 2nd March of this year the Opposition obtained the promise of the Government that it would take positive steps to resume negotiations with the Soviet Government. Even ~~TANNER~~ [1 group unrecovered] in favour of resuming negotiations, but CYLINDER fears that the Finns will act with their typical dilatoriness and gross clumsiness. CYLINDER [Te.] said [1 group unrecovered] that they ~~will~~ approach [2 groups unrecovered] with a request "to clarify the Russian position and to ask them to be patient" since for many years distrust of Russian policy has become rooted in the Finnish people. In Finnish Government circles it is believed that there will be unpleasant surprises when a start is made in MOSCOW on defining the vague clauses of the agreement [USLOVIE] with the U.S.S.R. But when negotiations begin in MOSCOW, ~~as will~~ [1 group unrecovered] [2 groups unrecovered] [3 groups unrecovered], all the more so because then the Finns will begin to appear [1 group unrecovered] with Germany. Hence the dilatoriness of the

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Government. CYLINDER [Ts.] considers that the Finnish army is not Nazi in disposition, [2 groups unrecovered] few officers not Nazi. General HENDRIKS [Ts.] in any case [3 groups unrecovered]. One of the decent people in the Government is considered by CYLINDER [Ts.] to be MANNERHEIM's son-in-law WALDEN, who for a long time has been an advocate of legalism, the ratification of the agreement [SOGLASIEIS] with the Russians. CYLINDER [Ts.] again repeated his view that it is impossible for the Finns to use force against Germany, since "there are no hostile feelings in the country towards the Germans". [1 group carbled] only when the Germans themselves begin to take forcible action can armed force be used against Germany.

Note: Evidently [1 group unrecovered] is information CYLINDER [Ts.] [2 groups unrecovered] [3 groups unrecovered] Finnish Government is manoeuvring, wanting to [1 group unrecovered] [3 groups unrecovered] not indicated, but C.T.D. [Ts.] [1 group unrecovered] under the influence [1 group unrecovered] of [1 group unrecovered]

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T.N.: [1] Alternatively the [C] could approach [1 group unrecovered] [1 group unrecovered] [1 group unrecovered] [1 group unrecovered] [1 group unrecovered]

[1] of CYLINDER's [Ts.] information.

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CYLINDER

VALERIAN

TANNER Probably V. TANNER, formerly

Minister

HENDRIKS Probably Lt Gen HENDRIKS of the Finnish Army

MANNERHEIM Field Marshall MANNERHEIM, at the

time Finnish Commander in Chief

WALDEN Lt Gen Carl Walden, formerly

Chief of Staff, Finnish Army, at present

at the Soviet Legation in Helsinki